

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Susan Green (Library Director)

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Tree Work, Village Siren, Zoning Violations

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting were approved with one minor change

Disaster Preparedness: Susan Green addressed the Board about the need for a disaster preparedness plan for the Library and Town Office and/or the Old Schoolhouse Common. Susan has an idea for a speaker who will do a presentation. The Board agreed to pay for the presenter's mileage out of the Town's training budget. Susan will schedule the training. The Board discussed the need for a team of volunteers to help write the plan.

Route 2: Rich updated the Selectboard on the status of the RAMP project and the Village/Route 2 subcommittee. The subcommittee would like to work with VTrans to have traffic islands to calm traffic coming into the Village, crosswalks, and a reconfiguration of the Route 2/Route 215 intersection. They would also like to consider a lower speed limit in the Village. They would like radar speed signs, and a sign welcoming people to the Village. The Selectboard approved having the committee request the islands, crosswalks, reconfiguration, and a request for a speed study on Route 2 in the Village. The Board discussed options for funding the radar signs, such as asking the Village to contribute, looking for a grant, and setting money aside each year for a few years.

Reappraisal: After reviewing the comments from the District Advisor, the Selectboard decided to reword the RFP to allow bidders to indicate their availability in their proposal, rather than the Town specifying a date that the work must be done. Laurie will revise the draft.

Livestock Ordinance: Janet Ancel is planning to introduce a bill to allow towns to draft a specific ordinance about livestock, but that process may take some time. The Selectboard has the authority already to adopt a nuisance ordinance. Rich Baker is going to do a first draft of a nuisance ordinance.

Fuel Bids: The Selectboard opened and read the bids for heating and equipment fuel. The bids were as follows:

	Propane Floating	Propane Fixed	Diesel Floating	Diesel Fixed	Heating Floating	Heating Fixed
Packard Fuels			2.285		2.285	2.5
Bourne		2.199			2.6617	
Dead River	1.6304	TBD	2.2568	TBD	2.2565	TBD
Gillespie	1.15	1.31	2.2644		2.2579	2.29

The Board chose to accept the fixed price on propane and heating oil with Gillespie, and rebid the diesel to see if anyone can do a fixed price, and have bids due at the next meeting.

Tree Work: The Selectboard reviewed the highway budget and the proposal for tree work along town roads. They decided to have Mike Baril cut a tree on Hollister Hill Road and one on Taylor Farm Road, at a cost of \$950.

Village Siren: Chris has talked to Fire Chief Will Schwarz about the siren at the fire station. The Fire Department does not want to have other agencies responsible for activation of the siren. In emergency situations, the Fire Department has personnel at the Fire Station and at Marshfield Dam, and they would be on scene to sound the siren before an outside agency would be able to. The Board will suggest to the Fire Department that they come up with an evacuation alarm such as a certain number of blasts of the siren.

Zoning Violations: The Board discussed potential zoning violations. They will ask the Zoning Administrator for an update.

Executive Session: At 8:05 p.m., Chris moved to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Laurie seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 8:25 p.m. They did not take any action.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the September 17, 2019 Selectboard Meeting.
 A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
